

AGC of Alaska
Construction Career Pathway
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Build Up!

Forty-two (42) new classrooms this school year! This number still could increase as we confirm with schools. And, we're collecting information on how many of the toolboxes already in rural schools (53) are being re-used this year.

Build Up! Teacher Orientation through UAA is in place. However, we haven't conducted a workshop yet. School Districts are more reluctant than ever to send their people to even a hub for a day. During late Spring or early summer we'll complete the curriculum for the On Site! workshop.

On Site!

Forty-nine new (49) classrooms this new school year and counting! Like Build Up! we're tracking the use of toolboxes used last year (and that was 54).

Bering Strait School District requested Build Up! and On Site! throughout their district at the end of last school year. However, during the summer there was considerable turnover and many principals who said they wanted the toolboxes in their school didn't return and the new principals didn't know why we were contacting them and declined. As new principals their plates are full.

Totals:

So far this school year our count of new toolboxes in rural is:

Build Up!	42 classrooms
On Site!	49 classrooms
	91 Total*

Urban Build Up!
Urban On Site!

80 classrooms
11 classrooms

NCCER Core Curriculum
5 Master Trainers
11 Certified Teachers

11 high school classes

*NOTE: With just this count of new toolboxes for this year estimating each toolbox will reach 10 students that's **910** students who will experience an AGC toolbox of learning! Add to that number last year's count of 53 and 54 for a total of 107 times 10 students is another 1,070 for a grand total of **1,980** students in the past two years!

NCCER

AGC of Alaska is an accredited Training Sponsor. Our first accredited training site is King Career Center.

Mat-Su Borough SD has begun their application process.

We have eleven (11) high schools using NCCER Contren curriculum now and I know of several rural schools who now have certified teachers who are using Contren and we're working with those teachers on procedures. Several rural locations are preparing to launch a construction career pathway this coming Fall.

Certified Skill Assessment Center:

Also, we're considering becoming a certified Skill Assessment Center. We think this would have value in rural Alaska. It can be done via written testing or by performance testing.

AGC of Alaska has a certified Skill Assessment Center Administrator now. This is a key position and one that has the ability to certify the other positions needed such as the Proctor, Performance Verification Instructor, etc.

General:

I attended AGC of America's Workforce Development Committee meeting Jan. 23—25. The new President of NCCER, Don Whyte, presented and we heard about many new projects of NCCER. They're aggressively adding new curriculum and more skill assessments tests. NCCER just introduced a Residential-construction curriculum series as well as a Highway/Heavy Construction series.

NCCER participates in the National Construction Image Steering Committee. AGC of America is an active partner in this effort, too.

AGC Construction High School:

At the (January 23—25) Workforce Development Committee meeting were three teachers and the principal of the new AGC Construction High School in Chattanooga, TN called East Ridge High School. The chair of the Workforce Dev. Committee (an AGC contractor) spearheaded the effort. The school opened Fall of '02. It's hoped that it will become a model for AGC chapters across the country.

Also, in attendance at the Committee meeting was a teacher and an administrator from the AGC St. Louis, MO high school. Both schools are doing very well!

Future

Video:

Because travel is becoming more difficult for teachers (for a variety of reasons) we've designed a video and notebook we think can accompany a toolbox and orient the teacher to our curriculum. It looks like either King Career Center or Mirror Lake will assist us in shooting the video.

High Schools:

Several new career pathway centers are in planning stages for the next school year and the one after. We're working with Hutchinson Center in Fairbanks about NCCER curriculum for their new center scheduled to open Fall '04.

This coming Fall Delta Junction will open its construction career pathway. We're working with them jointly with Alaska Works to ensure the National Registry and certificates are available to the students choosing the construction career pathway.

We're in discussions with Bering Strait SD about their regional center. They're very interested in NCCER.